

side, and as Abba Eban, the late Foreign Minister of Israel, used to say, you could have a resolution at the United Nations saying that the Earth is flat, and if it were put forward by an Arab country, it would automatically get 70 or more votes.

The fence that Israel has put up is a fence that any nation would put up to defend its people and keep terrorism away. Just as we in the United States are doing everything possible to prevent another terrorist attack on our country, Israel has every right to do the same thing to prevent terrorist attacks on its country. Terrorism is a terrible tool that some think can be used as a negotiating tool. We must stomp out this scourge of terrorism wherever it rears its ugly head.

I commend Israel for the security barrier, and I condemn the "International Court of Injustice" for once again showing that they are nothing more than a travesty of justice.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 2:30 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

Mr. BOYD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 2:00 p.m. on account of family responsibilities.

Mr. EMANUEL (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 3:00 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

Mr. GREEN of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal reasons.

Ms. KILPATRICK (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 3:00 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

Ms. LOFGREN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 12:30 p.m. on account of a family commitment.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. ORTIZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 2:10 p.m. on account of official business.

Mr. REYES (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of illness.

Mr. GERLACH (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of official business.

Mr. GUTKNECHT (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today after 11:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. on July 13 on account of the death of his father.

Mr. TAUZIN (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for the week of July 6 on account of medical reasons.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MCDERMOTT) to revise and

extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SAXTON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, July 13.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OXLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SAXTON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2634. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to support the planning, implementation, and evaluation of organized activities involving statewide youth suicide early intervention and prevention strategies, to provide funds for campus mental and behavioral health service centers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 12, 2004, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8976. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Kevin P. Green, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8977. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Michael D. Malone, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8978. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of the enclosed list of officers to wear the insignia of the grade indicated in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8979. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting two enclosed reports, the first report is the Department of Defense Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Defense Program Annual Report, the second is the Department of Defense CBRN Defense Program Performance Plan for Fiscal Years 2003-2005, as required by H. Rpt. No. 106-945 and S. Rpt. 108-46, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1523; to the Committee on Armed Services.

8980. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's FY 2002 report entitled, "Implementation of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Act" required under Section 23(a)(2) of the Act; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Armed Services.

8981. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 7(a) of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-45), a copy of Presidential Determination No. 2004-36 suspending the limitation on the obligation of the State Department Appropriations contained in sections 3(b) and 7(b) of that Act for six months as well as the periodic report provided for under Section 6 of the Act covering the period from December 16, 2003, to the present; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

8982. A letter from the Director, National Film Preservation Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's Report to the U.S. Congress for the Year Ending December 31, 2003, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 5706; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and House Administration.

8983. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a draft bill "To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the authorities of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, life insurance benefits, memorial benefits, and education benefits, and for other purposes"; jointly to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services.

8984. A letter from the Chairman, Labor Member, and Management Member, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a report on the actuarial status of the railroad retirement system, including any recommendations for financing changes, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231f-1; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Transportation and Infrastructure.

8985. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting proposed legislation to authorize the transfer of the Nebraska Avenue Complex (NAC) from the U.S. Navy to the General Services Administration (GSA) for the use of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS); jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, the Judiciary, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Homeland Security (Select).

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BARTON: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 4600. A bill to amend section 227 of the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify the prohibition on junk fax transmissions; with an amendment (Rept. 108-593). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

#### DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII the Committee on Energy and Commerce